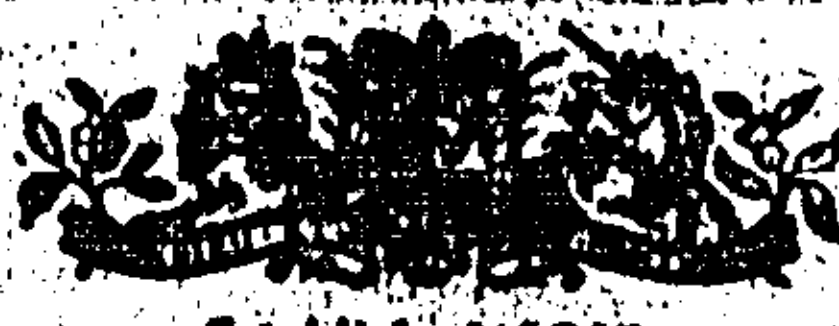


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A Defiant Party

THE open defiance of the Wafdists to General Naguib's orders to purge the party is the first serious challenge to his authority, since he brought about the abdication of King Farouk, dismissed Aly Maher from the Premiership and outrightly claimed supreme power — political and military. Naguib demands the dismissal of Nahas Pasha from the leadership of the Wafd Party; the Wafdists are resisting what is to them an intolerable sacrifice. There are deeper reasons, however, for their defiant attitude. The Wafdists, at present the most powerful political party in Egypt, fear that Naguib is trying to destroy their influence by making them subservient to personal dictators. The ultimate struggle between the Naguib regime and the Wafd Party was foreseen, but while the ambitions of General Naguib may be entirely unselfish and altruistic, his motives sincere and wholly directed in the interests of the country, he is antagonising an influential and ruthless organisation which will not readily obliterate itself.

THE measure of importance which Naguib attaches to his conflict with the Wafdists is indicated by his decision to seek the popular support of the country by means of a personal tour. The action is also an acknowledgment of the political hold which the Wafd Party enjoys over the masses. To deprive the Wafdists of this long-enjoyed popularity is the overriding problem confronting General Naguib. Outlawing of the Party by decree, and backed by military intimidation could superficially remove the Wafdists as an active threat to his authority; but it would not guarantee transfer of national popularity from the Wafdists to himself. On the contrary any such extreme action would be more likely to cause resentment among the people whose enthusiastic loyalty and allegiance he needs today more than anything else. Naguib still has to "sell" his policies and programme to the people, and unless he can do so he will find it virtually impossible to deprive the Wafdists of their hidden, but very real power.

Bevan's Success Startles Politicians

MORRISON'S ECLIPSE A BLOW TO MODERATES

Morecambe, Sept. 30.

British political circles were engaged today in studying the possible implications of the sweeping triumph of the Socialist rebel, Mr Aneurin Bevan, at the Labour conference, in which he and five supporters were elected to the party executive.

The Bevanites, who have campaigned for a cut in rearmament, were voted into six of the seven seats on the executive reserved for representatives of the local party groups.

The vote startled politicians by showing growing support for Mr Bevan since he resigned from the last Labour Government in April 1951 on the ground that Britain was spending too much on arms.

His victory means that more and more British Socialists are favouring the approach of the 54-year-old left winger, who often blames the United States for the world's economic troubles. Mr Bevan's political opponents believe today's vote will make him bolder in the future, and some think it puts him in the running for a future Premiership.

But the Bevanites insist that the moderate Party leader, Mr Clement Attlee, will stay at the top. And in spite of Mr Bevan's victory, the leadership on the executive stays in the hands of the anti-Bevanites.

Twelve members of the executive are trade union leaders, most of whom are avowedly anti-Bevan. Only one of the 12, Wilfred Burke, is the nominee of a Bevanite union and he has been criticised by the rebel leader.

Mr Herbert Morrison's eclipse came as a shock to the official leadership. For years he has been regarded as heir to Mr Attlee. Now he has been summarily sacked from the party's top policy-making body, but he retains his position as Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary wing of the party.

Mr Richard Crossman, Mr Bevan's foreign affairs expert and one of the successful candidates, was quick to explain: "No on disputes that Mr Clement Attlee will continue to lead the Labour Party and again be Prime Minister."

Mr Crossman saw the result as "a vote for a more militant Socialist policy overseas and at home."

He said it was also inspired by the fact that Britain is becoming too subservient to the United States.

But the end of a day of drama was the defeated 64-year-old forlorn who drew the biggest, most affectionate ovation for speech on Labour's new home policy.

Mr Morrison's defeat was the biggest blow to the moderate leaders, is the party's chief

election strategist, he was the man the Socialists leaned on to lead them to victory at the polls.

Mr Hugh Dalton, the other victim of the Bevanite assault, was Chairman of the party's International Committee and had a powerful voice in the shaping of policy on foreign affairs.

Mr Crossman, a journalist, has been trying to lead left-wing "ginger" groups, within the party for years.

Mr Harold Wilson, former Board of Trade Minister and the second Bevanite newcomer, is an ex-Minister and economic expert who resigned from the last Labour Government with Mr Bevan. Both, like Mr Bevan, are members of Parliament.

All Mr Bevan would say of his triumph was: "Let the facts speak for themselves," but trade union chiefs, many of whom have publicly attacked him, were dismayed.

One of the "old guard", popular James Griffiths, former Colonial Secretary, survived the Bevan attack. He is the only "moderate" on the local party executive, which includes Mr Attlee, five women members, a Co-operative member and the party treasurer, Mr Arthur Greenwood, as well as the 12 trade unionists.

POKER FACE

Mr Attlee sat through a reading of the voting figures without giving a hint of his feelings. Mr Morrison also kept a poker face, but Mr Dalton concealed his feelings behind a whimsical smile.

Then Mr Morrison told the conference: "Let me assure you that I shall continue with all sincerity and loyalty my work for the Labour Party and Socialism."

Delegates cheered him enthusiastically.

Bevanites said tonight that the left-wing leader and his colleagues would now seek places in Labour's "shadow cabinet" in Parliament. The Bevanites have boycotted this group since Mr Bevan resigned from the last Government.

The trade unions control nearly 5,000,000 of the party's 6,000,000 membership and control most of the party's funds. They will continue to have a dominant voice in the executive, though it is not ruled out that Bevanite views may eventually win over the rank and file unionists as well as the members of the political side of the party.

The miners' leader, Sir William Lawther, immediately rushed to attack the Bevanites. "The party is disturbed at an attempt being made deliberately to drive a wedge between the trade unions and the rest of the Labour movement," he declared.

RESOLUTION PASSED

A resolution he moved, praising the work of the last Labour Government under Mr Attlee's leadership, was passed unanimously.

Mr Morrison replied to a general debate on the party's home policy, which was approved by a 5,000,000 majority. He urged delegates to be realistic about their attitude to the United States.

"We aim to encourage the great forces of progress in the United States," the American (Cont'd on back page, col. 3)

The Oil Dispute

Eden Reports To Cabinet

London, Sept. 30.

Mr Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, and the Cabinet today received a detailed report from Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, on the latest Persian counter proposals for a solution of the oil dispute.

The proposals, for which the Persian Premier, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, demanded a reply by next Saturday, have been the subject of intensive Anglo-American study since they were handed over to the British and American envoys in Tehran last Wednesday.

They replied to a message from Churchill and President Truman sent last month.

Eden conferred with senior officials yesterday and today on the proposals, which contain a major stumbling block—a demand for \$40 million convertible in dollars from the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

POLICY MATTERS

Among foreign policy matters due to be considered by the Cabinet either today or tomorrow morning is the exclusion of British observers from the defence talks between the United States, Australia and New Zealand and the latest developments in Egypt and the Sudan.

The British Government has twice requested in recent weeks that British observers should be allowed to attend the Anzus Council military discussions but without success. Both Churchill and Eden are understood to be considerably concerned at the absence of a British observer at the talks, which deal with an area of vital concern to the British Commonwealth.

Mr Eden also gave the Cabinet a report on his visits to Belgrade and Vienna.

BRITAIN'S WARNING

Meanwhile, Reuters' diplomatic correspondent reported today that the British Government had recently told the United States Government again that all possible legal steps would be taken against any oil operators who attempted to buy oil from the Persian Government.

The British Government maintains that this oil is the property of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The warning was repeated soon after Mr William Allen Jones, the American oil operator, returned to the United States after his visit to Persia, and his discussions with the Persian Premier.

The tanker Rose Mary, which recently tried to carry a cargo of oil from Persia to Italy, is still held up by legal action taken in the Aden courts, Reuters.

Eden And Titos



Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, recently on an official visit to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, was entertained to dinner by Marshal Tito, the Dictator of Yugoslavia and his young wife, the new Madame Tito. Marshal Tito is seen here offering a cigarette to Mr Eden while Madame Tito joins in the laughter during the dinner in Belgrade. — London Express.

Philip Given New Precedence

Becomes Premier Royal Duke

London Sept. 30.

Queen Elizabeth has granted her 31-year-old husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, precedence next to her, except where otherwise provided by Act of Parliament, an official announcement said tonight.

A Royal Warrant printed in tonight's official London Gazette clears up the Duke's position in the strict precedence laid down for the Royal family and nobility. Up to now, he has been junior to the three other Royal Dukes.

He was created Duke of Edinburgh and given the title "His Royal Highness" on his marriage on November 20, 1947.

Since the Queen's accession, their son, Prince Charles, the Heir Apparent, who will be four years old in November, has technically been first gentleman. Now his father replaces him.

But the Duke holds that position only while the Queen lives. When she dies Prince Charles will automatically become King in direct line of succession.

The Duke is now the senior of the four Royal Dukes. Next comes the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Windsor and the Duke of Kent. — Reuters.

BROWDER ARRESTED

Washington, Sept. 30.

Earl Browder, former head of the American Communist Party, and his wife, were arrested today on charges of making false statements in naturalization proceedings.

Browder, 61, and a native of Kansas, was once a Communist candidate for the Presidency. "He lost his post as party leader in 1946 in a squabble over his alleged departure from Marx-Lenin principles during the Second World War. Mrs Browder was born in Russia.

The Justice Department said the two were arrested in New York after a Federal grand jury there had returned an indictment alleging that they lied in stating when Mrs Browder sought naturalization, that she had never been a member of the Communist Party. — Reuters.

Big Yalu River Raid

BOMBERS STRIKE

Tokyo, Oct. 1.

Some 45 US B-29 Superforts roared through darkness early today (Wednesday) to blast a vital Communist chemical plant on the southeast bank of the Yalu River, doorstep to Manchuria.

The bombers from Japan and Okinawa bases rained more than 400 tons of high explosives on sprawling Namsam-ni plant producing chemicals for war munitions.

Half of the chemicals are shipped from the plant south to Pyongyang, said the Air Force, and the other half north to Manchuria. Some chemicals probably are transhipped to Russia. An Air Force spokesman called the plant "one of the most important industrial facilities in North Korea."

The chemical plant lies three miles down the Yalu River from gutted Sulho, about 30 miles northeast of the Antung MIG base.

The spokesman said the plant has "several thousand employees."

There was thick black smoke from the Manchurian side, the returning crews said, and a few Communist fighters made non-firing passes. Crews reported large explosions and fires in the target area which the spokesman said had been warned by leaders. With visibility clear, the raid lasted about two hours and 30 minutes, starting shortly after midnight.

The plant, never before attacked, produces tungsten, cobalt, black lead, chemicals, oil used for making war munitions. The plant consists of one large five-story building, seven steel reinforced concrete buildings plus numerous others for supplies. Nearby, but not a target area, are over 60 barrack buildings. — Associated Press.

Havenga Defends Apartheid

MAKES A BBC BROADCAST

London, Sept. 30.

Mr Nicolaas Havenga, South African Minister of Finance, told British radio listeners tonight that if the principle behind South Africa's policy of apartheid — segregation — were abandoned, the white race in the union was "doomed."

Mr Havenga, speaking at the peak listening hour in the British Broadcasting Corporation's programmes, declared that the white race had carried the banner of Western civilisation in South Africa for 300 years.

He said that if the principle behind apartheid were dropped, it will only be a matter of a few generations before the country reverts to the barbarism which existed before the white man arrived there.

Two-and-a-half million white people in South Africa were the guardians and trustees for 10,000,000 black and coloured races in various stages of civilisation.

"The majority are still leading the primitive existence of centuries with little desire to change."

The white people, drawn from the finest European stocks—Dutch, British, French, German, Scandinavian and others—believe it was their duty to preserve all that was good in the culture, customs and traditions of the indigenous natives.

"That is a task fraught with almost insuperable obstacles because of the difficult ethnic, sociological and economic problems involved," Mr Havenga said.

SAME OBJECTIVE

The policies followed by successive governments, though known by different names, all had the same objective—to preserve the culture, character and traditions of the various races as far as was humanly possible "by preventing the breeding of a hybrid population."

Mr Havenga said the natives themselves were anxious to preserve their racial identity, their customs and traditions and to develop their own natural gifts in their own way in their own native areas. The term apartheid meant nothing more than separation of blacks from whites.

"If I may be allowed a digression, you have a form of apartheid here in Britain," the Minister told listeners. "It may be only social apartheid, but it is inherent in mankind. In South Africa, the distinction goes deeper. It has an ethnological as well as a social basis and we ignore it at our peril."

Mr Havenga said the South Africans felt that they were carrying out their trust on behalf of non-European fellow citizens by endeavouring to raise them in the scale of civilisation through the extension of health, education and social welfare services.

"SHEER NONSENSE"

Mr Havenga said that sensational talk of South Africa being on the brink of a revolution was "sheer nonsense."

"There will be no revolution in South Africa, nor will anything unconstitutional be done by either the Government or the opposition," he said.

Budget Deficit

London, Sept. 30.

The British budgetary deficit for the first quarter of the current financial year totalled £289,000,000 as compared with only £226,000,000 for the same period last year, it was learned today.

The receipts for the first quarter of this year totalled £1,894,144,937 which is £23,000,000 less than the figures for the corresponding period last year. — France-Press.

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King Faisal On Visit To Britain



King Faisal, 17-year-old ruler of Iraq, inspects a "Guard of Honour" on his arrival in England. With his uncle, the Prince Regent, Emir Abdul Illah, he is visiting Britain as a guest of the Government, and during his stay will spend a couple of days at the Queen's Balmoral home. — Express Photo.

Protest By Rumania

London, Sept. 30. Rumania today protested to Yugoslavia against "repeated violations" of her air space by Yugoslav aircraft yesterday. The Rumanian official news agency reported today.

A note handed to the Yugoslav Legation in Bucharest said the aircraft, in some cases three fighter planes and a bomber, penetrated about two kilometres into Rumanian air space. — Reuter.

Princess Royal To Visit Trinidad

London, Sept. 30. The Princess Royal, Commandant-in-Chief of the British Red Cross Society, has accepted an invitation to visit Trinidad in January. — Reuter.

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French Marshal's Strong Criticism Of U.S. Attitude

"Using Same Language As Moscow"

Paris, Sept. 30. Marshal Alphonse Juin, Inspector-General of the French Armed Forces, today accused the United States of "using the same language as the people in Moscow" about French policy in North Africa.

"I told our American friends some time ago, first in Rabat, Morocco, and then in Washington, how regrettable it was that they were using the same language about North Africa as the people in Moscow for completely opposite reasons," Marshal Juin said in an article in the monthly review "Hommes et Mondes."

"But they come to the same conclusion that the French should withdraw from North Africa," Marshal Juin wrote. "America desires this because they hope a reason for disorder will disappear, while Moscow is certain that once the French leave North Africa, disorder will become so great that Communism will have no difficulty in scoring points."

Marshal Juin, who was French Resident-General in Morocco before becoming Commander of Allied Forces in Central Europe under General Ridgway, added: "I did not have the impression that my words were accepted. 'A sort of foreign conspiracy has tightened itself around North Africa since the end of the war, which aims at nothing less than to bring France before

the bar of United Nations," the Marshal said.

"It did not cause any special anxiety as long as the ranks of our opponents included only the Arab States and the Soviet bloc with its satellites. 'But the number of our opponents has increased and we are now threatened by the possibility that the United States may join them."

"It should be fully realised at the headquarters of the United Nations that since France does not recognise the organisation's competence to deal with North African problems, there is a strong possibility that we shall consider as null and void any resolution which we estimate goes against justice and truth," the Marshal wrote.

"The continued uneasiness in North Africa is due solely to the fact that the Nationalists hope to obtain a United Nations verdict favourable to them," he added. — Reuter.

BRITISH PROPOSALS EXAMINED

London, Sept. 30. Senior Commonwealth officials here today examined various British proposals on the Sterling Area's finances, Commonwealth development projects and raw materials production and distribution.

The officials, over 50 finance and economic experts, have been holding private talks here since September 22 to prepare for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' economic conference in November and December.

The experts sought elucidation on various proposals from the British delegation to the discussions.

A Treasury spokesman said that the officials were now examining several policy documents and a mass of statistics mainly prepared by British Ministers.

They were exploring various financial, economic, trading, commercial, and fiscal aspects of the Sterling Area's problems with a view to preparing a brief on which the Commonwealth Prime Ministers could take decisions.

They are expected to conclude the analysis by about mid-October. — Reuter.

Ivan, 11, Starts On His Big Journey

Kassel, Sept. 30. Ivan Pircenik, 11-year-old foster-child of a German couple here, said a tearful goodbye today to the only parents he has known since babyhood and set off on his big journey to Yugoslavia, the place of his birth.

In his suitcase were ten bars of chocolate, a farewell present from classmates at school.

The United States High Commission Court of Appeals ruled yesterday that he should be returned to his real mother, Mrs. Pavla Pircenik, who lives in Sostanj, a Slovene village.

The Nazis had taken the child from her when six months old, killed her husband and sent her to Auschwitz concentration camp. She traced her son through the International Refugee Organisation.

The boy's separation from his foster-parents, Gustav and Josephine Strach, was to have taken place at the State Youth Office here, but when a crowd of 600 persons gathered there, the plans were changed.

Instead, two Yugoslav officials in an Embassy car drove to the Strach home at Lohfelden, just outside Kassel, collected the boy and his foster-parents and took them to the city's finest hotel for a farewell lunch.

Mrs. Pircenik did not go to Kassel but waited in Frankfurt, from where she is to start the rail journey home with her child tonight.

Some of his classmates were in tears when they handed him their present and Ivan gave them a big photograph of himself, which he had signed like a film star with a formal dedication. — Reuter.

FOUND DEAD IN CARAVAN

Asot, Sept. 30. The body of Denis Raymond Galt, a 43-year-old Military Police Sergeant stationed at Aldershot, was found last night in a caravan at Englemore farm near Asot where he lived.

He is believed to have been dead for several days. Foul play is not suspected. — Reuter.

Royal Eagle Shot

Rome, Sept. 30. A Royal Eagle was shot near here yesterday.

The Royal Eagle, one of the largest shot in Europe, is now very rare. It was shot by F. Diva, 32, after it had killed one of his hunting dogs. — Associated Press.

Good For Morale

London, Sept. 30. American soldiers in Britain are to wear coloured scarves. The United States War Department says that it will help to improve their morale. — Reuter.



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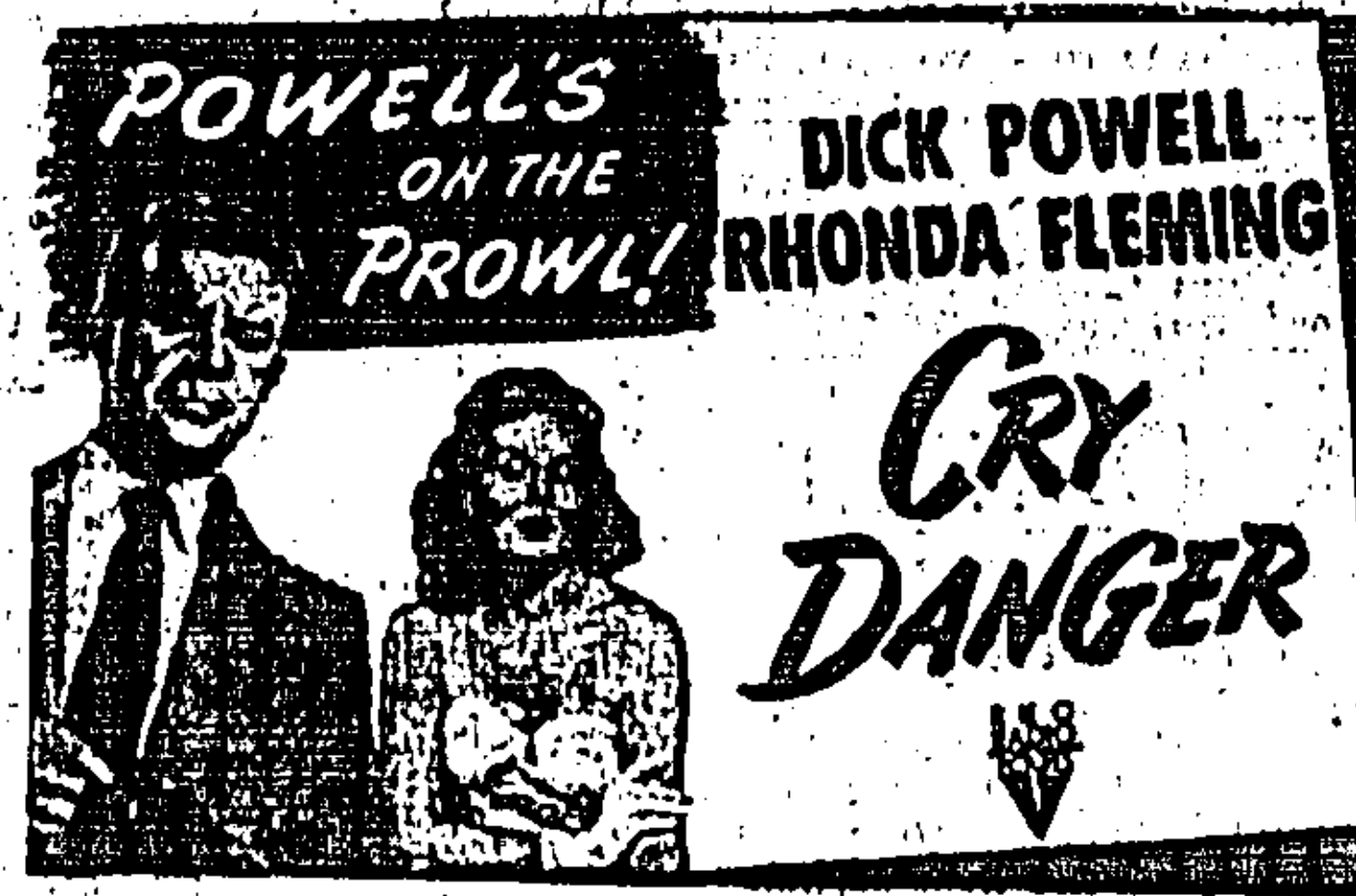
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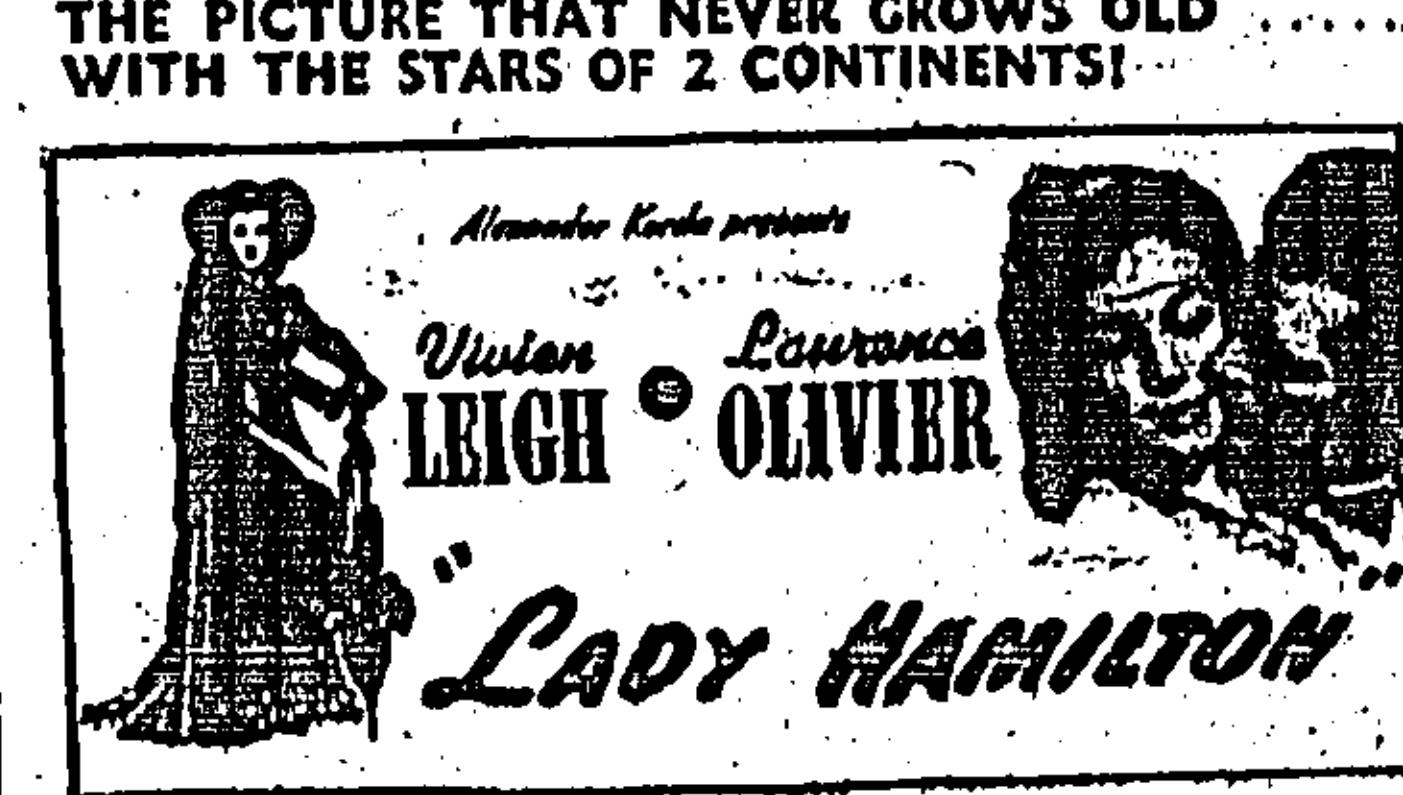
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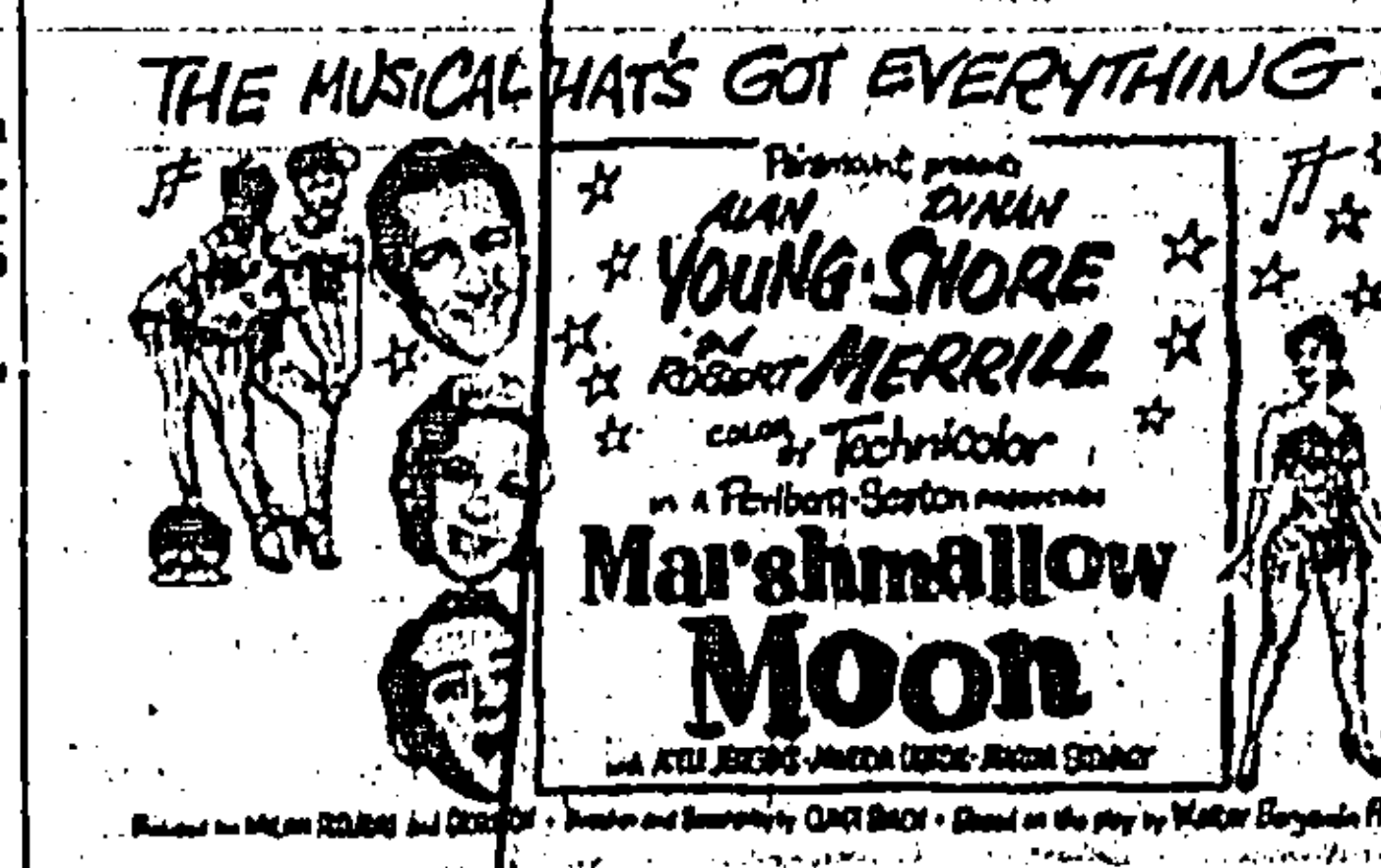
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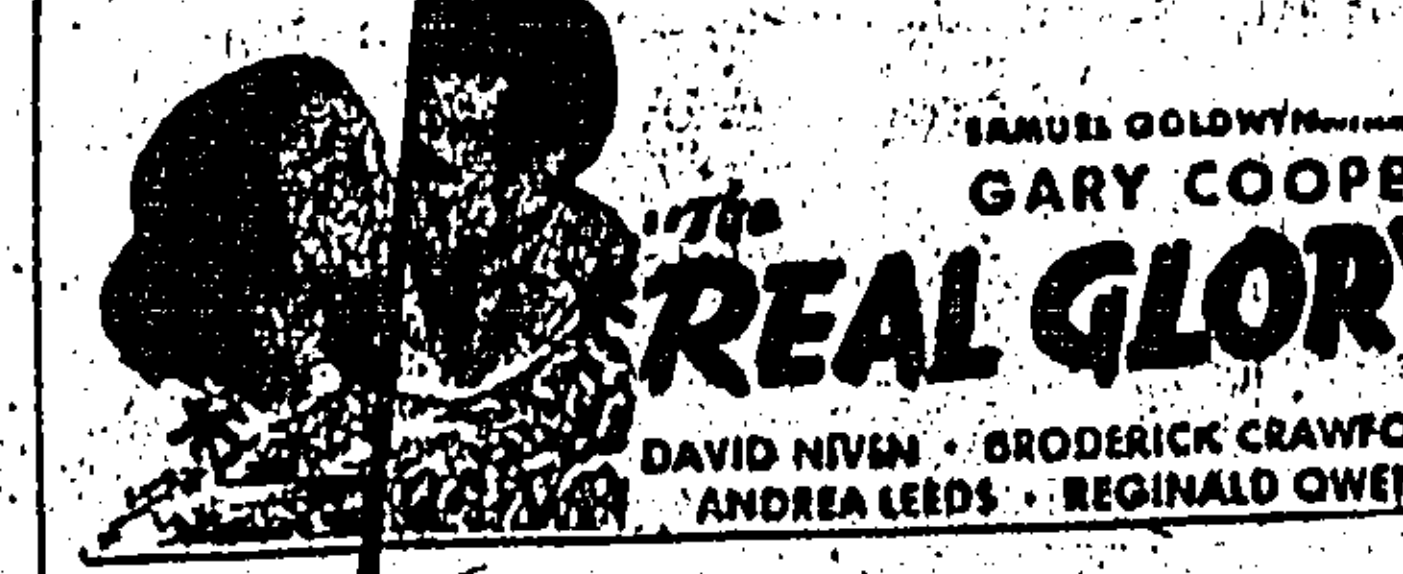
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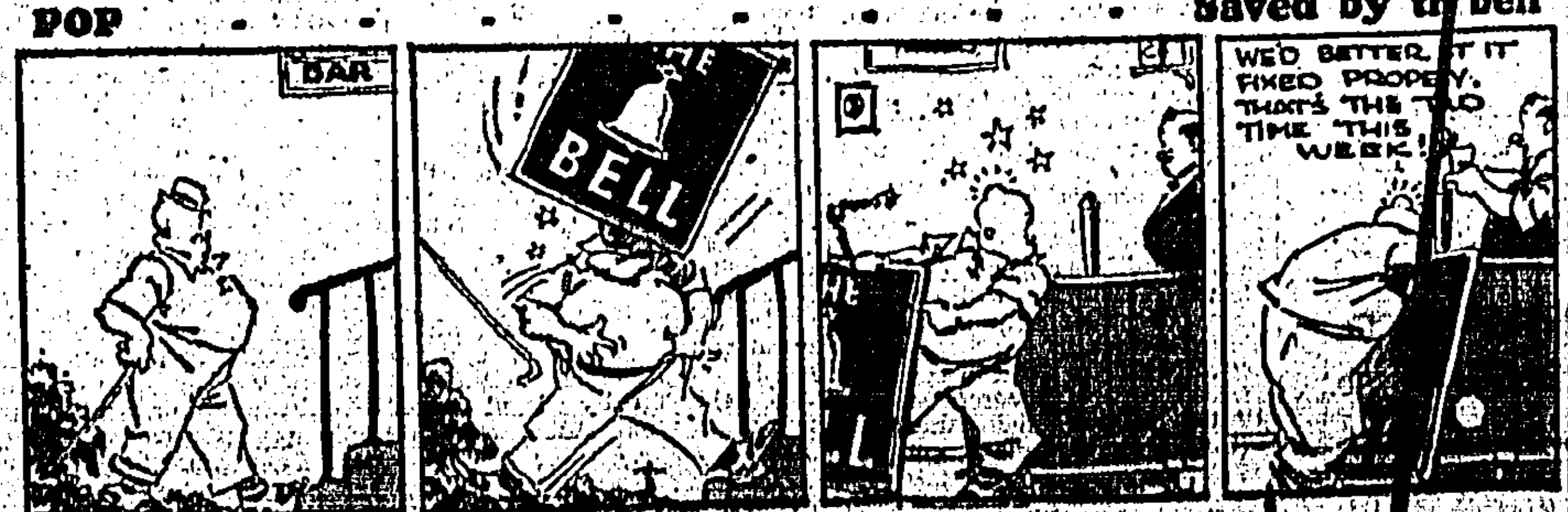
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Atomic Gun Makes Its Appearance

First Of Its Kind

Washington, Sept. 30. Newspapers today published photographs of the world's first atomic gun, an 85-ton mobile field piece.

The gun, an "all-purpose weapon," was put through its paces at a special preview for photographers recently. It can move across country and be in action within 20 minutes using either atomic or high explosive shells.

The gun has a calibre of 280 millimetres—nearly 12 inches—which discloses how compactly scientists are now able to build atomic missiles, which, at one time could barely be crowded into the bomb bay of a Flying Fortress.

There was talk at the demonstration of a 20-mile range for the gun. This approximates the range for coastal defence and naval guns of somewhat similar calibre.

Twenty miles would be a practical distance for placing the gun safely behind friendly lines, firing over those lines and laying down an atomic barrage on enemy infantry and armour without endangering friendly troops from blast, heat or radiation.

RATE OF FIRE

In the non-atomic demonstration, conventional propellant charges of standard powder in slugs were loaded behind an ordinary test projectile.

The rate of fire seemed to be approximately that of any of the large calibre anti-aircraft guns used by the army and navy.

This is now the "all-purpose weapon" looks to visitors:—

The barrel is almost 40 feet long, designed to stabilise the missile by a spinning motion, just like a standard gun.

The elevation of its muzzle appears also to be like that used in a standard gun.

A two-gun battery was used in the tests.—Reuter.

KEEPING UP MYSTERY

Schipol Airport, Sept. 30. The Soviet Ambassador to Britain, M. Andrei Gromyko, dodged all questions about the purpose of his trip when he arrived here by air from London tonight on his way to Berlin.

Asked if he was going to the Soviet Union to attend the Communist Party Congress opening on October 4, he said: "No comment."

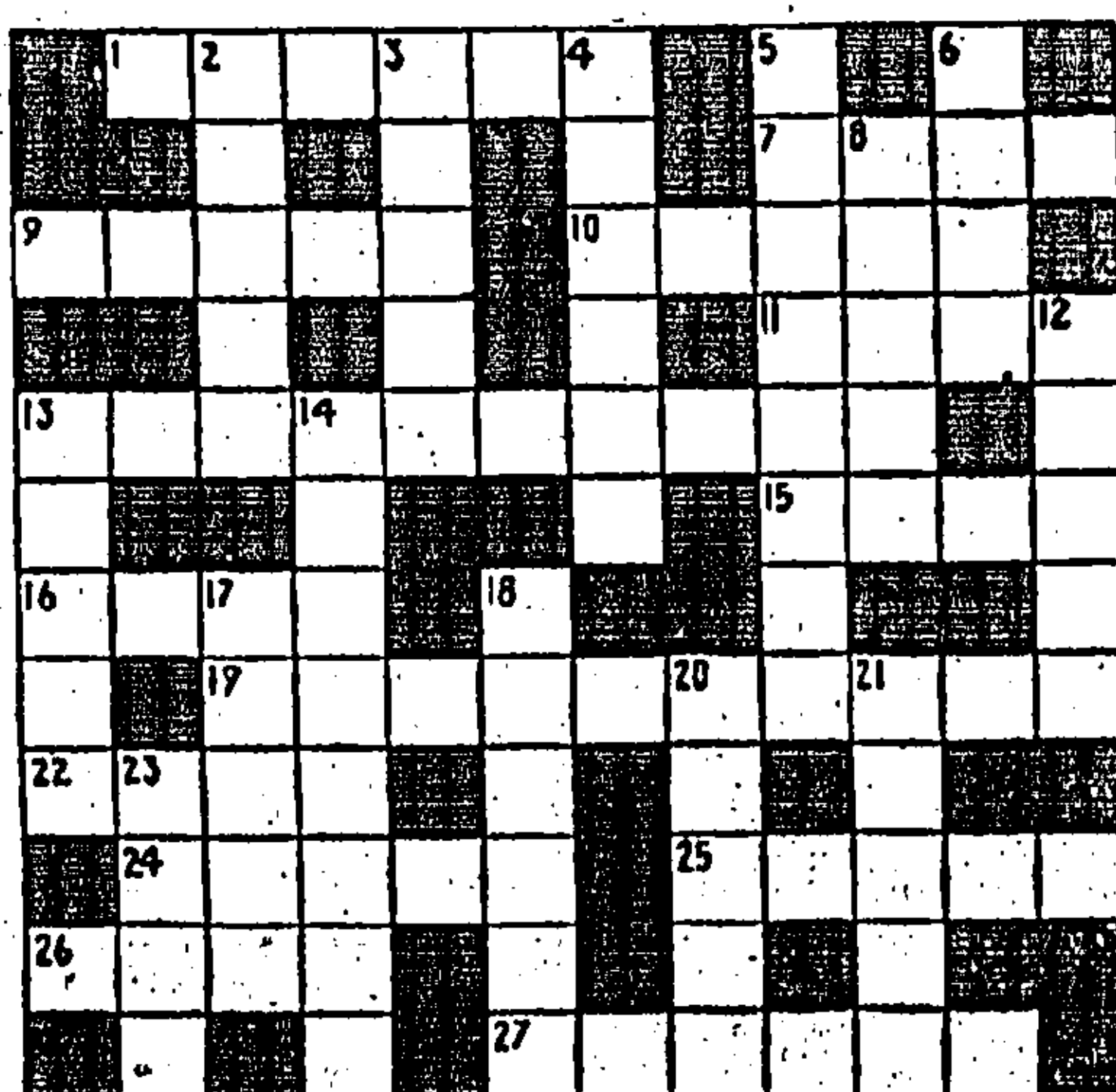
Mr Gromyko arrived at the Dutch airport in a British Viking.

Leaving the plane he looked surprised at the crowd of correspondents and press photographers.

No Dutch official was at the airport to meet him.—Reuter.

George Formby's Trip
London, Sept. 30.
Comedian George Formby has left England for his home in Eire.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Railwayman (6)
 - 7 Leave out (4)
 - 9 Swindler (5)
 - 10 Person under age (5)
 - 11 Worry (4)
 - 13 Meeting-place (10)
 - 14 Slugs (4)
 - 16 Vexes (10)
 - 22 Prophet (4)
 - 24 Flower (6)
 - 25 Concerning (5)
 - 26 Oven (4)
 - 27 Abhor (6)
- DOWN**
- 2 Instrument (5)
 - 3 The ones here (5)
 - 4 Take away (6)
 - 5 Muddles (6)
 - 6 Engage (4)
 - 8 Signal system (5)
 - 12 Books (5)
 - 13 Goes on horseback (5)
 - 14 Wanting (8)
 - 17 Perfect (5)
 - 18 Remained (6)
 - 20 Precise (5)
 - 21 Demonstrates (5)
 - 23 Prepare for publication (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Rumba, 4 Winced, 8 Nursed, 10 Camel, 12 Pirate, 14 Wreath, 17 Trug, 19 Appense, 20 Obviate, 22 Post, 23 Eastern, 27 Chaotic, 29 Amass, 30 Spirit, 31 Extras, 32 Amend, Down: 1 Renow, 2 Merge, 3 Adopt, 5 Inca, 6 Camera, 7 Deluge, 9 Dilates, 11 Attest, 13 Repents, 16 Robe, 18 Smiths, 19 Ugar, 20 Optate, 31 Vacant, 24 Sepals, 25 Beris, 26 Noted, 28 Ache.

Secret Service Chief At Party



Sir Percy Sillitoe (centre), head of MI-5, pictured with Sir George Abba (left), former Assistant Commissioner at Scotland Yard, and Mr David Sturrier, ex-Chief Superintendent, Metropolitan Police, at Charing Cross Hotel, in London. They were the guests at the annual dinner of former members of the British South African Police Force.—Central Press.

American-Style "Teamwork" The Answer In Australia?

Melbourne, Sept. 30.

An employer-financed organisation is trying to bring American-style teamwork to Australian labour in industry. General employee reaction is described as "favourable".

The organisation is the Institute of Public Affairs, Victoria, and the theme of the new campaign is "What Americans can do, Australians can do."

Since the Institute put out a tentative issue of a booklet, bringing facts on the economy to workers and key men in industry, the demand for it has increased circulation to 30,000 copies for each issue.

At present it is published every two months, but plans are in hand for monthly publication.

It aims at becoming in Australian industry the educational force of similar campaigns in America and Britain. It seeks greater productivity per man hour in all sections of the community.

Why, it asks, should there be a radio set to every two people and a car and telephone to every four people in the United States, whereas in Australia there is a radio set to only every four people, a car to every nine and a telephone to every eight?

Britain is said to have about the same proportionate number of telephones and radios as Australia, but less than half the proportion of cars.

Again, why? The Institute gives the answer as: "More productivity per man hour."

SAME MORAL

It answers down to earth questions of the layman and worker such as, "With house prices falling, will food be cheaper?" by stressing that today labour on a medium-size dwelling costs £41,040, compared with £2,200 before the war. Houses will cost considerably less if production of basic materials and on the site is stepped up, it says.

On food, the Institute points to the need for more machinery for farmers. Again, the moral is more productivity in industry.

"Do a few individuals hold the bulk of the country's wealth?"

Night Clubs Look For 1953 Boom

London, Sept. 30. London's night clubs and restaurants are hoping the Coronation will bring them a boom to bring them out of their present difficulties.

Last year the Festival was a disappointment to them. One leading restaurateur said: "The Festival never produced the West End trade we hoped for, it attracted the wrong sort of people. But the Coronation we hope will be a very different proposition."

Coronation visitors will find cabaret acts from all over the world on show.

Restaurants are keeping quiet about their plans, as managers look for acts that are "different."

For the visitors unwilling to pay the prices of the West End, there will be special Coronation arrangements in the dance halls throughout the country. One chain of halls plan to hold a special "Festival of Dancing."

Others are planning free gifts to all visitors.

Admirals In Athens

Athens, Sept. 30. Admiral Lynde McCormick, Supreme Allied Commander in the Atlantic, and Admiral Sir William Anderson, his deputy, arrived here today for a two-day visit.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL CARNEY ON ROLE OF NAVY IN EUROPE

Capable Of Atomic Bomb Retaliation

Paris, Sept. 30.

Admiral Robert Carney of the United States, Allied commander for Southern Europe, said today that guided missiles of the type recently tested in Korea were available for use in Europe at any time in the event of war.

Admiral Carney added that American naval forces in the Mediterranean were capable of atomic retaliation against the Soviet if Russia started a war.

The Allied Southern commander told a group of reporters, when asked if the United States was ready for pilotless aircraft operations in case of war: "We could put in and use it any time."

He also said, in answer to another question that he had the capability of launching an atomic weapon against an aggressor in case of war.

He declined, however, for security reasons to elaborate on what type of atomic measures were ready for action in Southern Europe in case of war.

"I cannot comment on that at all," he said when asked if pilotless aircraft of the type used in Korea could be used to deliver an atomic weapon.

YUGOSLAVIA'S ROLE

Admiral Carney warned that the United States' naval strength in the Mediterranean would be increased in the event of hostilities.

Any military understanding between the Atlantic Pact partners, Greece and Turkey, and Yugoslavia would be of tremendous importance to the Allied Southern Command.

He added, however, that his North Atlantic Treaty Organisation staff probably would not participate in discussions with Yugoslavia since that nation was not a member of NATO.—United Press.

How To Fill A Hostel—Try Hobbies

London, Sept. 30. In less than a year the number of boys at London's "hostel" has tripled. Last year there were rarely more than 20 boys staying at Rossie House, Camberwell, a London County Council hostel.

Then hobbies—anything from rabbit-keeping to model engineering—were introduced by the new warden, Mr L. Teasdale.

"The word has got round among the boys at their jobs and now we have 60 keen boys," said Mr Teasdale.

"As soon as we decided to introduce more hobbies, we had dozens of applications to live here."

Rossie House is mainly for boys working in London away from their homes. Each boy makes a contribution towards his keep and local authorities also help. The rest of the expenses are met from voluntary funds.

Uranium Search By Helicopter

Sydney, Sept. 30. The Australian Air Minister, William McMahon, announced today that a helicopter would make an aerial survey in search for uranium in the Northern Territory.

Geologists believe that the world's biggest uranium belt, including deposits comparable to the Rum Jungle, may lie between Darwin and Katherine in Central Australia.—France Press.

'Disguised' Warship Without A Crew

London, Sept. 30. A warship will leave England this month with her engine-room sealed, and not a soul on board. The vessel—a river transport—has been bought by the Royal Siam Navy, and will be towed 9,450 miles to Bangkok.

She will take a famous name back across the world—Chindit. The name, which was given to her before it was known that she would form part of the Siam navy, will be changed as soon as she reaches Bangkok.

For the tow, which is being undertaken by a Dutch tug, the Chindit has been completely changed in appearance. A false steel "nose" has been fitted and timber sides added above the low river waterline.

Talks Open Between Israelis And Arabs

Tel-Aviv, Sept. 30.

The opening of talks between representatives of Israel and Arab States, including Egypt, was reported today by Haaretz, an influential Tel-Aviv Liberal morning newspaper.

The paper's front-page report from Ankara, Turkey, said that Israel's envoy to Turkey, Elyahu Sasson, had held a series of conversations with Arab States representatives, including the Egyptian Ambassador to Turkey, in the Turkish capital.

The Haaretz report did not specify the subject matter of the Israeli-Arab conversations.

It coincided, however, with the return here from Washington of the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Mr Abba Eban.

Mr Eban said that in a pre-departure talk with the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, the latter had expressed concern over the reported arms shipments to Arab States and had also spoken of the possibility of improving Arab-Israeli relations.

Meanwhile, Israel's recent application to Moscow for reparations from East Germany similar to those gained from West Germany for Nazi actions against Jews in being watched here with considerable concern.

Particular interest is given to the issue by the recent declaration of a member of the East German Government that Israel had never filed a reparations request.—United Press.

JORDANIAN CABINET

Amman, Sept. 30. The Jordan Premier, Tawfiq Abulhuda, whose Government recently deposed King Talal on the grounds of mental incapacity, announced today the names of his newly-formed Cabinet.

As Prime Minister, Tawfiq Abulhuda is also the Foreign and Defence Minister. He has retained his right-hand man from the last Cabinet, Shadi Mufli, who is Vice-Premier and Minister for the Interior.

The other members of the new Cabinet are Abdul Halim Nimer, Education; Khalil Khayri, Commerce and Agriculture; Ahmad Tarawneh, Health and Welfare; Musa Nasir Finance; Aswar Nusab, Development; Ali Hama, Justice; Sharif, Chief Justice, and Sabo Elakaseh, Communications.

Hama is an ex-Minister of the All-Palestine Government, and Nusab is its Chief Secretary.—Reuter.

Van Fleet To Be Relieved?

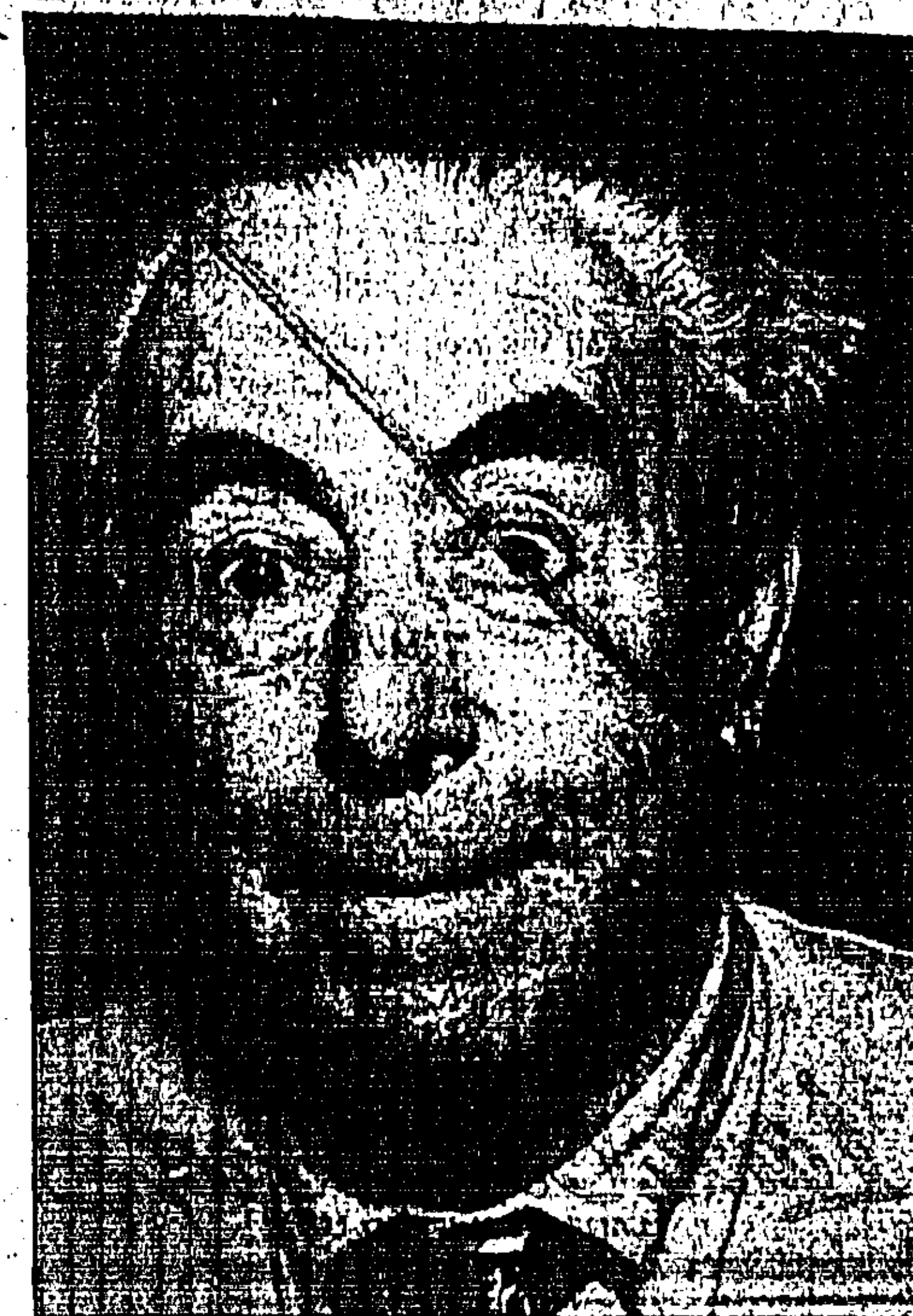
New York, Sept. 30. The New York Times said today that the Pentagon has decided to relieve General James A. Van Fleet as Commander of the Eighth Army in Korea.

The New York Times said there will be no formal announcement, however, until his successor has been selected.

When asked about the report, an official at the Pentagon said he knew of no discussion of Gen. Van Fleet's removal or of anything to indicate such a move.

Gen. Van Fleet becomes eligible for retirement next year. He has commanded the Eighth Army in Korea for the past 17 months.—Associated Press.

The Eyebrows Are 83



A familiar face which has graced the music halls for many years—that of comedian George Formby who has just celebrated his 83rd birthday and is still going strong.—Central Press Photo.

ELECTORAL VIOLATIONS IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Sept. 30. The police have arrested more than 3,500 people for over 1,000 violations of the electoral laws.

Vote buying was the offence in 410 cases, the police said.

The appointment of the Japanese Prime Minister is by a vote of the Lower House.

The possibility is foreseen by observers here that two Liberal groups might nominate both Mr Hatoyama and Mr Yoshida, with neither having sufficient votes to hold his ground against some other nominee.

Giant fireworks will be set off to remind citizens to go to the polls tomorrow, October 1, in the first general election since Japan's newly-granted independence.

More than 70 per cent of the 40 million people eligible are expected to vote.—Reuter.

Television's Effect On Britons

London, Sept. 30. Sir Alexander Cadogan, Chairman of the British Broadcasting Corporation's Board of Governors, said today that television might make Britain a more stay-at-home nation—it had already increased the demand for "screw-stopped bottles" (Most British bottled beer comes in containers with screw tops).

Speaking at a luncheon of the Radio Industry's Club at the Connaught Hotel, Sir Alexander was commenting on television's possible social and economic influence.

Sir Alexander said that besides television viewers wanting to drink at home rather than at a pub, the sale of sets was also harming sales of washing machines, refrigerators and "other such gadgets" but this might be only temporary.

Whether the tendency of people to stay home more was good or bad, he would not say.—Reuter.

War Office Declines To Add To Statement

London, Sept. 30. No elucidation was forthcoming today on the War Office statement that it had reason to believe there were "considerable numbers" of Russian military personnel in Korea.

A War Office spokesman declined to answer any questions about the number of Russians involved, and how long they had been there.

He added that he could not answer any questions about the statement which also said the Russians "are not formed into units but are used in an advisory capacity and some in a technical maintenance role."

In April this year the Communist Journal was reported from Bucharest as stating that Soviet medical personnel were operating in Korea.

The head of the United States Air Force, General Hoyt Vandenberg, stated in October last year that Russian-speaking pilots were flying some of the Communist jet fighter planes in the Korean war.

Earlier reports, denied by the Soviet news agency Tass, said that numbers of "Caucasian" troops accompanied by artillery and tanks, were behind the battle lines in North Korea. But since these reports nothing more has been heard of the "Caucasian" troops.—Reuter.

Children To Help In Harvest

London, Sept. 30. Fifty thousand school-children will help to gather Scotland's potato harvest, expected to total nearly 1,500,000 tons.—Reuter.

Pinay Up Against A New Crisis

Paris, Sept. 30.

Premier Antoine Pinay's battle against rising food prices and his fight for currency stabilisation reached a critical point today.

It was announced that the cost of living index had crept up for the second month since he took office last March.

The September index rose to 145.7 against 144.8 in August and compared with 145.5 in February. Between February and July it fell continuously.

If the index reaches 149.1, the sliding scale adjustment of wages provided for by a law passed this year comes into operation and the whole stabilisation policy of the Government might be endangered.

The Government was essentially due to higher food prices. The level of manufactured goods fell from 130.4 in August to 129.2 in September.

Premier Pinay said in Brussels yesterday that his Government was winning the battle against inflation.

Today's cost of living figures have let loose a flood of speculation about whether the Government will end by defeating the Premier or whether he will succeed in bringing them into line.

Government experts are not worried by the fractional increase in the September cost of living index.

They believe imports of certain commodities will enable them to keep the general level of food prices from pushing the index over the 149 mark.

Spokesmen of industry, agriculture and labour were more worried on the prospects of holding the price level.—Reuter.

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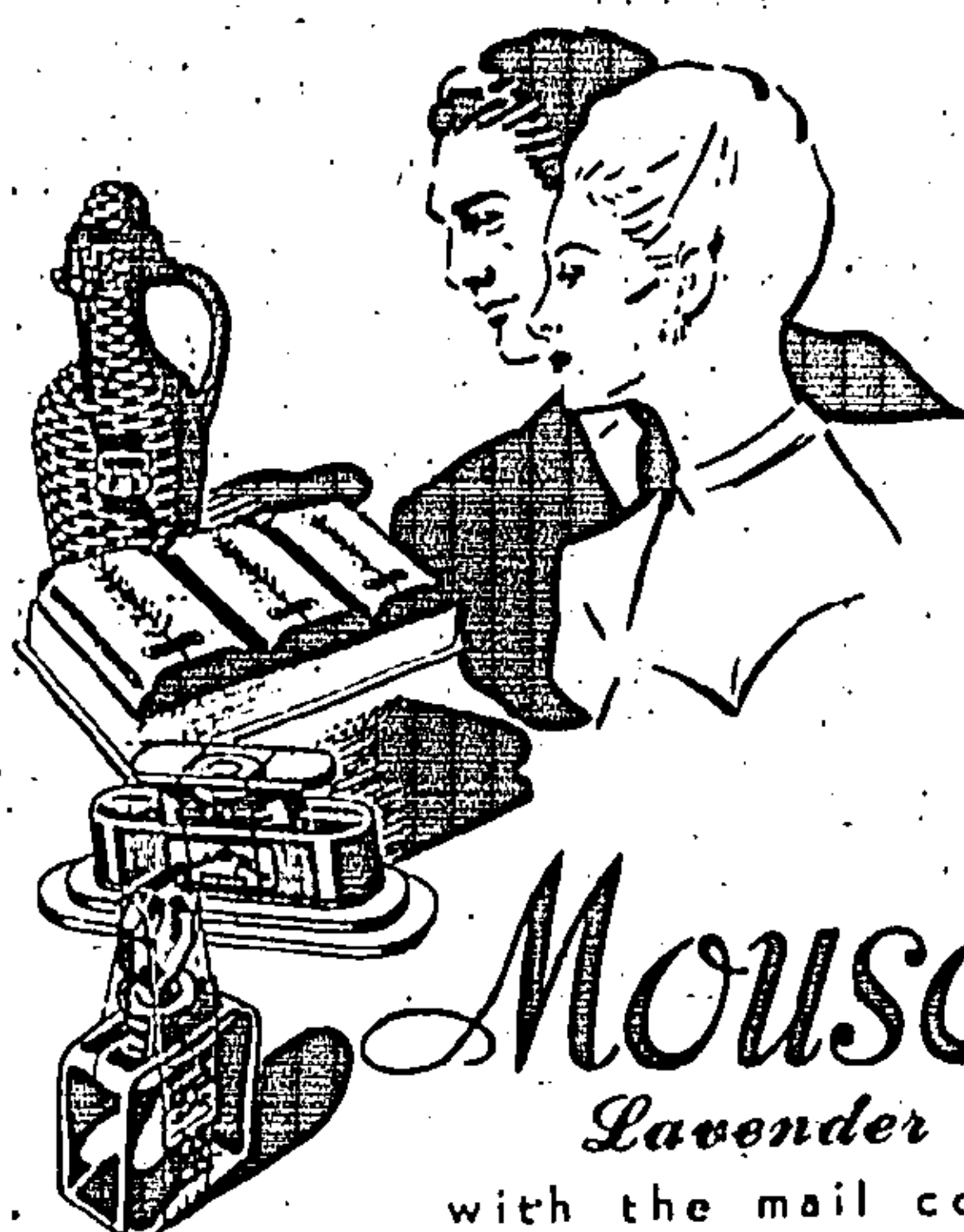
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Japanese Hold Their First Free Elections

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Diplomatic Corps in Tokyo will be closely watching events in Japan after October 1. For today Japan will hold her first free General Election since the Allied occupation in 1945.

The Liberal Party, who form the present government under Premier Shigeru Yoshida, are expected to be returned again.

It is in the trend of the new government's policies towards the West, however, that the Diplomatic Corps is most interested. For they are watching for any emergence of the rabid nationalism which characterised Japan's pre-war attitude now that Japan is "free" again. And they are waiting to see whether Japan, with cheap labour, will once again indulge in a price cutting war to corner cheaply priced textile and other markets, thus upsetting trade the world over.

The elections will be carried out in democratic fashion. In all, it is expected that about fourteen hundred persons

dates. They command 67 seats; they hope to gain at least another 80.

The Progressives are critical at the present government's policy. Nationalist in character, they favour a pro-Asian policy, with emphasis laid on good relations with other Asiatic countries rather than ties with the Western world. Their appeal to the people lies in their demand for tax reductions, aid for war victims and a planned programme for economic prosperity.

The Socialists are divided into two groups, right and left. The right wing, which now has 30 seats, is putting forward 160 candidates. The left wing, which holds 10 seats, is putting forward 180 candidates. They are backed by the mass of labour, represented by the General Council of Trade Unions. And they demand a number of social and economic reforms to improve the living conditions of workers. Both Socialist wings thump the nationalist line, claiming that Yoshida's liberal government has served too long under the Americans.

war, he held posts including that of former Ambassador to Britain and Ambassador-at-large in Europe. Thus he had an unusual chance of meeting Western statesmen and understanding their way of life. And previously he was a member of the Peace Conference at Versailles.

With that background, he is regarded as the Japanese leader most likely to continue co-operation with the West.

Often he has asserted that Japan must remain at peace with the world—but with England in particular.

The Diehard

AT home, he is disliked by the Communists and left wing Socialists, who term him an ultra-reactionary, and by the trade unions who regard him with distrust. But at least, as leader of an occupied country, he is recognised as having steered Japan along her difficult post-war course with considerable success.

Hatoyama, his rival, is a traditionalist and diehard Japanese of the pre-war political school. A member of the pre-war Cabinet, Hatoyama was the Minister of Education. Japan for the Japanese might be his political slogan.

The Communists

THE Communists, who hold 22 seats, are putting forward 108 candidates. As economic conditions in Japan improve, their popularity is expected to decline, especially as Soviet Russia opposes the admission of Japan to UNO. At present, a number of the Communist leaders have either fled the country or been barred from political activities.

High in the minds of all political leaders is the issue of future rearmament.

This is favoured by leaders of the Liberals, Progressives and right-wing Socialists. But all are anxious not to antagonise the anti-militarist electorate or raise the spectre of the financial burdens it will impose. And they publicly assert that any future rearmament should be of a defensive nature devoted to the cause of stemming the spread of militant Communism.

The other two main parties, the left-wing Socialists and the Communists, oppose rearmament, making capital of the suggestion that a rearmament would be used as a catapaw by the nations of the West.

Most Favoured

THE personal struggle for leadership within the Liberal Party between Premier Yoshida and the Party's founder and former leader, Ichiro "First born" Hatoyama, will not affect the Party's chances. Hatoyama's candidates are accepted by the Liberal Party machine.

Some believe that Hatoyama will displace Premier Yoshida. If a coalition government should be formed, however, both would probably take office, together with Progressive leader, Shigemitsu.

Most favoured by the foreign diplomats will be the return of Premier Yoshida, who gained leadership of the Liberal Party in 1940 following the purge of Hatoyama by General MacArthur. In Western eyes, Yoshida is a safely conservative. A widely travelled diplomat before the

ON BOTH SIDES OF THE IRON CURTAIN, MOCK WARS

By NORMAN LINDHURST

AS "Operation Mainbrace," NATO's biggest air-sea-land manoeuvre yet, went into action, so another giant mock war shaped up in Eastern Germany.

Even while the grey flotillas and sky armadas of the NATO forces moved out from Scotland on their twelve-day exercise, so hundreds of Russian tanks, backed by 500 M.I.G. fighters and involving whole corps and armies, were scattering to pre-selected "battle" stations across the rolling farmlands of East Zone Germany.

The NATO exercise is the result of months of preparation. Scarcely less preparation, perhaps more, has gone into the Russian "war games."

The Russian story, in fact, goes back to last March when the Red Army in Germany, 30 divisions strong, began to stir from its winter quarters.

First there were squad manoeuvres. As spring came the squad exercises built up into company drills, and then into battalion and regimental exercises.

By the middle of last month the Soviets were manoeuvring in division strength and now, in the drying days of summer, the massed might of Red strength is preparing for its final show.

There is one big difference, however, between the NATO exercises and those conjured up immediately behind the Iron Curtain.

The difference is that, whereas the Russians will have little opportunity, if any, of observing the tactics of "Mainbrace," Western Intelligence agencies have kept the Western Army commanders supplied with detailed information of the power of the Soviet forces.

It is now certain that the Soviet forces have reached a new peak of fitness and efficiency.

Under-strength units have been filled out, new equipment has been rolled in from far back in the Soviet Union and, although there has been no great reinforcement of the overall strength of the Red forces in East Germany, it is estimated stronger by 12 to 15 per cent.

Russian strength in East Germany now consists of some 30 divisions grouped into six armies. Facing the British in the North is what the Reds call the Third Shock Army. While in the south, the American watch the tank tracks of the 6th Guards Army.

Each of these two armies has two corps, which include a division of Infantry and a motorised division.

These two Red armies—the Third Shock and the 6th Guards—are backed by a reserve line. North of Berlin is the Third Armoured Army; south of Berlin is the Third Guards Army. Further south still, in Saxony, is the First Armoured Army; to the east, northwest of Berlin, is the Fourth Motorised Guards Army.

These six armies, then, form what Western Intelligence knows to be the Soviet northern group of armies under the command of General Vasily Chulikov.

General Chulikov, whose headquarters are at Bebelberg, near Potsdam, is the man who, on Stalin's personal orders, held Stalingrad for four months against the Germans.

Of his army at the time, General Chulikov said: "Men died but never retreated. I believe that those who died and those who remained alive were all heroes. I wouldn't have believed that such an intense could open up on earth. No other army could have withstood such attacks."

Today General Chulikov has an estimated 3,500 tanks at his disposal in East Germany—many more than the Germans used in their break-through on the Western Front in May 1940.

Soviet East German Air strength can boast some 1,500 planes, including, besides the MIG fighters, an estimated 250 twin-jet light bombers, patterned after Britain's bombing intruders, the Canberras.

Such then is the present picture of Soviet strength facing the Allies as the Red Army prepares for its last great manoeuvres of the year.

All indications are that, just as NATO's "Operation Mainbrace" is the biggest of its kind yet attempted, so the Soviets are making one of their largest and most impressive displays ever staged in East Germany.

An American goes to Britain.
What happens is told by—

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

MAGDA GABOR, American TV and screen actress, has fled Britain for three reasons.

Before she left by air she said: "I don't like the cooking; the climate is killing me; and as for your pipe-smoking Englishmen, with their smooth ways and quiet, polite manner, he is the biggest wolf in the world. I know from personal experience."

Although we may never know details of her experience, it is possible to make a rough guess. Perhaps she met the type of young Englishman we all know—pink-cheeked, wide-eyed, whiskered, apparently dumb, looking as innocent as a grown-up choir boy, and blowing clouds of smoke from a pipe that smells like bad drains.

Believing him to be as harmless as a plate of cold chicken

and ham, she accepts an invitation to walk round the old English countryside. The rain pours down. The east wind blows. She is cold, soaked to the skin, and hungry.

The young Englishman is also soaked to the skin, but appears to suffer no inconvenience—except that he smokes his pipe upside down to keep the rain out.

They reach an old world inn, where he buys her a drink. He says nothing but "Cheers" and "Bottoms up."

Soon they are alone in the empty dining room, and down to her cringing stomach at a plate of watered thin soup and a mouthful of two of tepid mutton, watery potatoes, and cabbage.

Before the cold coffee is served, she is smoking his pipe again. She is already feeling sick, but he mercilessly blows the foul fumes in her face.

Canterbury and still working the old gag about Chinese children eating infected insects with chopsticks.

In 80 years' time Dr. Mossadon may have shed enough tears to float an aircraft carrier; ex-King Farouk's stomach may have grown as big as the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Even worse, comedians who are not very funny today will be intolerable in the next century; ancient columnists may go on writing rubbish until some maddened young editor shoots them.

Your only consolation is that Dr. Bogomoletz, who invented the long-life serum, died in 1946.

The Nelson touch

NOW that Alan Ladd, from Hollywood, is the hero of a film being made in Wales about British paratroopers, it can't be long before another American screen hero, Errol Flynn, takes the part of Nelson, with Jane Russell as Lady Hamilton.

As the master minds of Hollywood have taken their cue from that great thinker and philosopher Henry Ford, who said "History is bunk," nobody will hesitate to change the story so that Jane Russell is on the bridge with Errol Flynn during the famous "blind eye" incident.

Jane: Oh, Horatio, what are those cute little flags over there?

Errol, looking through his telescope: Just a lot of cute little flags, honey.

Jane: Yeah; but what are they for, Horatio?

Errol: They're signalling ships, I guess.

Jane: But signalling what, Horatio?

Errol: Aw' quit worryin' a guy in the middle of a battle, will ya?

Jane: I gotta know what the flags are saying, Horatio.

Errol: O.K., O.K., O.K. They're telling me to quit, I guess.

Jane: Telling me to quit, Horatio. Am I going to marry a quitter?

Errol: You ain't marryin' nobody, if you only knew it. Now pipe down while I straighten things out.

(Jane moves closer to Errol.)

Jane: Horatio, I got an idea.

Errol: Yeah?

Jane: If you put your old glass eye to the telescope you wouldn't see no signals.

Errol: Any dope knows that. Tell me some more, smarty.

Jane: If you couldn't see the signals, Horatio, you wouldn't be disobeying orders, and you wouldn't be a quitter.

Errol: You certainly got sump'n there, sugar.

Jane: You'd go right in and knock those Frogs for a row of ash cans. What's more, you'd become the greatest sailor in the history of the American Navy.

Errol: Gee, honey; you're swell.

Jane: Breaking away breathlessly: Why you old bear, you, is that what they call the half-Nelson?

Fairy story

IN Vienna, fairy tales told over the telephone have become so popular with children that the number of lines allotted to the service has been increased from 50 to 100.

I am reminded of the mother re-reading an old fairy story to her little boy at bedtime.

"You remember," she said, "that the Fairy Prince was walking through the Enchanted Forest when he came suddenly upon a sunlit glade?"

"Yes," said the little boy. "And there on a green bank, with her head resting on a pillow of moss, the most beautiful princess in all the world was sleeping. What happened then?"

"They lived happily ever after," said the little boy.

A little woman's busy day.
According to a newspaper, Mrs. Mary Harrison, aged 102, "gets up" at six o'clock, makes patchwork quilts, constructs tiny sets of doll's-house furniture, sews incessantly, and writes poetry in her spare time.

And there are some pale green boys in Bloombury who not only can't write poetry, but can't make patchwork quilts either.

ON THE RECORD



It Wasn't Cricket To The Fastest Woman On Earth

Marjorie Jackson, the fastest woman on earth, also known as the Lithgow Flash, Australia's pride and Olympic Gold Medalist, does not jump. She doesn't play cricket either. She is a shy girl resigned to autograph hunters. One turned up at the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday who told Marjorie that he would love to have her autograph to send to a friend of his in Shanghai.

He had hardly said "auto—" when Marjorie reached out to keep her in sight. Marjorie can sign her name as fast as she can run. But she doesn't jump. She didn't jump when Willie Davidson with a chortle threw a ball from Norman Hart-Baker at the nets into the pavilion and it fell with a thud almost at her feet. Without turning a hair she said something that sounded like "cricket!" It wasn't quite cricket, but Willie said he just can't resist turning one from Norman Hart-Baker.

Marjorie doesn't jump because her coach, who is rather old-fashioned on the subject, believes that she should do nothing but run. The Australian WAAU had a job persuading the guardian of the jet-propelled Jackson to let her run 200 metres. In Japan, Marjorie more persuaded to run 400 metres.

Mrs E. F. Magee, Hon. Secretary of the Australian WAAU, who is accompanying Marjorie on her trip to Japan, told me yesterday that most of the ladies who run Australian women's athletics think that Marjorie could hurdle and jump as well as Fanny Blankers-Koen.

But Marjorie doesn't know and doesn't care to find out. It is not improbable that she could clear 18 feet the very first time she tried the long jump, but she has never tried—not even as a girl.

Marjorie's sub-junior record in Australia was not impressive. A half-dozen Australian girls have run faster than Marjorie's 11.6 seconds for 100 yards at the age of 14. Of the 104, only Marlene Matthews, out of the running through injury for a whole season now, is the only one who can possibly outrun her today.

Said Marjorie, "I only run." As Marjorie stepped over the grass measuring out 30 yards she disappeared into the distance at such a rate that she was at the other end of the field in a twinkling of an eye. The next moment Mrs Magee turned and introduced Marjorie to this columnist. Marjorie smiled.

Mrs Magee said, "Marjorie is not quite so shy, as she used to be. I looked from Marjorie to Mrs Magee at these words. Mrs Magee did not elaborate. I looked back at Marjorie. She was at the other end of the field striking the cabbage patch.

Mrs Magee told me some interesting facts about Australia's juniors and sub-juniors. The current drop is one of the best in years. Erica Willis, for example, jumped 17 feet 10 1/2 inches at just over 14 years of age two years ago and is now a

19-foot jumper and an 11.6 seconds hurdler. There are quite a few others almost as promising.

The Australian WAAU does not frown on 14-year-olds running 220 Yards. Any sign of "agony", however, and there is a period of suspension and a medical certificate is required before they race again.

The WAAU is proud of its Jacksons, Stricklands and others. The Men's AAU weren't inclined at first to believe the times being returned by the girls. They thought that the time-keeping was faulty.

Australian women can clock runners as accurately as the men can. They are even, perhaps, on the conservative side. At any rate at Kilsnaki the girls from Down Under ran faster than they did at home.

Marjorie and Mrs Magee left this morning for Japan. They will be passing through Hongkong on their way back and the World's Fastest Female Human will then give Hongkong more of a chance to meet her in person.

—"RECORDER"

All Set For The World Series Opening Game

New York, Sept. 30. Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees took their final workouts today then said that they were in good shape for the opening game in the World Series at Brooklyn's Ebbets field at 6 p.m. GMT on Wednesday.

Rookie right-hander Joo Black will start for Brooklyn and 20-game winner Allie Reynolds for the Yankees. Most experts favour the Yankees to win their fourth straight World Championship because they have superior pitching. The teams are about even in defensive ability and speed.

The Dodgers have never won the World Series. The Yankees have done so. The Dodgers have met the Yankees three times previously in 1941, 1947 and 1949. United Press.

All-India Rugby Tournament

Colombo, Sept. 30. Bombay Gymkhana and the Calcutta FC today qualified for the semi-finals of the All-India Rugby Tournament being held here.

The other semi-finalists are All-Ceylon, the title holders for the last three years, and Singapore RU. Today Bombay beat Madras Presidency by nine points (one try, two penalty goals) to three (one penalty goal). Calcutta eliminated Ceylon's second "string", the Barbarians, by three points (one penalty goal) to nil.

In the semi-finals Calcutta FC will play Singapore RU tomorrow and Bombay Gymkhana will play All-Ceylon on Thursday. The final will be played on Saturday. —Router.

Colony Swimming Championships

THREE MORE RECORDS BROKEN

Records again fell on the second day of the heats of the Colony Swimming Championships at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday.

Cheung Kin-man added two more new records to the one he chalked up on Monday. Yesterday, he churned through the water to set a new Colony record in the 880 yards Free Style, when he bettered the old time by ten seconds, setting up a new time of ten minutes 49.2 seconds. Cheung, who led all the way during the race, was never seriously threatened. Lam Kam-sing finished second, five lengths behind Cheung.

Cheung's other record was in the 100 yards Back Stroke, when he clipped 2.2 secs off the old record, winning his heat in 65.2 seconds.

Cynthia Eager, swimming powerfully throughout the women's 220 yards Free Style, added another new record to the one she broke on Monday, when she finished the course in 2 minutes 40.2 seconds, seven seconds better than the old time.

The results follow:
Men's 880 yards Free Style (heat 1): 1. Cheung Kin-man (Fortuna); 2. Lam Kam-sing (Fortuna); 3. So-chuen (Chung Sing). Time: 10 mins 49.2 secs (record).
Men's 100 yards Back Stroke (heat 2): 1. Cheung Kin-man (Fortuna); 2. Lam Kam-sing (Fortuna); 3. So-chuen (Chung Sing). Time: 1 min 25 secs (record).

Women's 220 yards Free Style (heat 1): 1. Cynthia Eager (Fortuna); 2. Ng Yee-chee; 3. Claire Marchetti (CYMCA). Time: 2 mins 40.2 secs (record).
Women's 100 yards Back Stroke (heat 3): 1. Lam Kam-sing (Fortuna); 2. Ng Yee-chee (CYMCA); 3. So-chuen (Chung Sing). Time: 1 min 25 secs (record).

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Women's 100 yards Back Stroke (heat 2): 1. Lam Kam-sing (Fortuna); 2. Ng Yee-chee (CYMCA); 3. So-chuen (Chung Sing). Time: 1 min 25 secs (record).
Women's 220 yards Free Style (heat 2): 1. Cynthia Eager (Fortuna); 2. Ng Yee-chee (CYMCA); 3. Claire Marchetti (CYMCA). Time: 2 mins 40.2 secs (record).

Men's 100 yards Back Stroke (heat 2): 1. Cheung Kin-man (Fortuna); 2. Lam Kam-sing (Fortuna); 3. So-chuen (Chung Sing). Time: 1 min 25 secs (record).
Women's 100 yards Back Stroke (heat 3): 1. Lam Kam-sing (Fortuna); 2. Ng Yee-chee (CYMCA); 3. So-chuen (Chung Sing). Time: 1 min 25 secs (record).

THE KINDEST TOTE IN THE WORLD

Sydney, Sept. 30. The totalisator at the Balaklava race track, South Australia, went wrong one day recently and the tote went broke.

The tote paid strange dividends. For example, David won the trial stakes. It started at 5-1 with bookmakers. The tote paid 17 shillings for 5 shillings for a win (about 5-2), and £3 15s 9d for 5 shillings for a first, second or third (about 14-1).

Solar Gold started at 7-2 with bookmakers. The tote paid 8-1 for a win. The totalisator ran out of money at the fifth race.

Huge queues waited at the tote all afternoon, and hundreds of backers left the course without collecting.

South Australian Manager of Automatic Totalisators Limited, J. Martin, told reporters the disproportionate dividends were caused by a mistake in setting up the machine but all dividends declared would be honoured by his company. —Associated Press.

Leslie Ames Made Life Member Of Kent CCC

London, Sept. 30. Leslie Ames, Test team selector and former England wicketkeeper, was made a life member of the Kent County Cricket Club today.

He recently retired from his job as Kent's chief coach.

Somerset County Cricket Club will be without three of their regular bowlers at the start of the 1953 season.

Hazell, the slow left-arm bowler, was not re-engaged; Redman has quit his job to take up a business career; and E. P. Robinson, the off break bowler who came from Yorkshire in 1950, was so slow to accept terms that the club withdrew its offer. Robinson was the County's chief wicket-taker during the past two seasons.

Somerset are hoping to sign under a special registration T. E. Wall, the Derbyshire fast-medium amateur bowler. —Associated Press.

★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★



THIS WILL BE HAILED AS THE MOST POIGNANT FILM-MOMENT OF THE YEAR

On a battlefield outside Madrid (the setting is the Spanish Civil War) a badly wounded Ava Gardner is dying in the arms of Gregory Peck.

It is a scene from Ernest Hemingway's "The Snows of Kilimanjaro", starring Peck, Gardner, and Susan

Hayward, which had world premiere in New York recently.

I go out on a limb, write Leonard Mosley, and forecast that "The Snows" will be sensationally successful, particularly for the playing of Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner, a love team to set the cinemas alight.

KEN SMITH Show Talking

The £100,000 Film Nobody Will See

Last week I saw a film worth £100,000 that will never be shown. It is a cartoon by Walt Disney called "The Sword And The Rose".

But for this cartoon, which later goes into storage, you would not have seen—in Coronation year—an all-live Technicolor film costing £500,000 and starring Richard Todd, Glynis Johns and James Robertson Justice also called "The Sword And The Rose".

The cartoon version is the most ingenious and elaborate shooting script ever devised. Instead of a pile of typewritten manuscript with dialogue and camera instructions, the film camera, director, cameramen and leading players have got 1,000 pictures in full colour showing exactly what the cast wear, how they stand and the angle from which the scene will be shot.

The cartoon took three months to design but it will knock £100,000 off the finished cost of the picture. Walt Disney's third excursion into "live" films.

Director Ken Annakin thinks the system "as near perfect for picture making as anyone can get."

Stars Richard Todd and Glynis Johns were just as enthusiastic. "It is of tremendous value to have a copy of the cartoon at hand with the script. We not only learn our lines, we also learn our movements!"

And this new method is not the only novelty that Disney is bringing to the studios. In conjunction with the shooting of the film he is making a 30-minute "trailer" for TV. Besides showing shots from the film, it will take the viewer behind the scenes.

Although it is primarily intended for America, I have been assured: "We will be delighted to let the BBC have a copy."

What is "The Sword And The Rose", all about? It's a slice of gay and sparkling court life in the early days of Henry VIII's reign, adapted from the 54-year-old American classic by Edwin Caspoken, and set against the background of Windsor Castle, the Tower of London and Greenwich.

Singing 'Monster'

Hermione Gingold has had an inspiration. The title of her Coronation revue will be "The Thing And I".

And her leading man will be —wait for it—none other than Boris Karloff. Boris will also sing.

While I was getting my breath Miss Gingold said: "At least we can call it a 'monster' revue."

Hermione also hopes to entice Chaplin's son Sydney into the cast.

I'm marking this show as a "must" in my diary.

And Another Thing

Hollywood, always trying to improve on nature, has dreamed up a star that cat's cars and has a voice like a foghorn. This new animal has been created for "The Monster Beneath the Sea".

Twenty feet long and made of rubber, it can "breathe" gnash steel teeth and paw the ground. It is the star of a story that goes like this:

"It has been dozing in ice in an underwater canyon outside New York harbour for a few million years. An atomic explosion (don't ask questions, read on) cracks the ice and the monster paddles towards the skyscrapers.

"After knocking the docks about, devouring a few Wall Street firms, it heads for the city."

Callovers On The Cesarewitch And Cambridgeshire

Cards on the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire were called at the Victoria Club here tonight. Closing quotations were:

CESAREWITCH (NEWMARKET, OCTOBER 15)

100 to 8 Ballechin.
100 to 7 French Squadron and Westinford.
100 to 6 French Design.
20 to 1 Tobias.
20 to 1 Purcell.
20 to 1 Flighty Frances.

28 to 1 Philanthrop. Phil Dor II, Siren Light and Whinsalre.
33 to 1 Strathguy, The Marquis Culler, Galatian, Fluh Royal and Parting Shot.
40 to 1 Bold Admiral, Metatone and Djemil.

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100 to 8 Stranger.
18 to 1 Longstone.
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33 to 1 Richer, Cyphra, Garrison Hack, Pink Jasper, Krise Kringle, Queen of Light, King Cardinal and Cap of Gold.

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Sugar Council To Hold Plenary Meeting In London

London, Sept. 30.
A full meeting of the International Sugar Council will be held here, probably next Monday. The meeting will immediately follow the conclusion of the current meetings of the Council's Special Committee.

The Council will review the work of the committee, which began private talks here today.

The Council meeting will be presided over by Mr. P. H. Westerman of Indonesia.

The 1937 International Sugar Agreement is expected to be prolonged for another three years from August 31, 1952, at the talks.

Over 50 delegates and observers from 30 countries,

Taipei Budget Examination

Taipei, Sept. 30.
The Chinese Nationalist Cabinet today sent Formosa's next budget in secret draft form to the Legislative Yuan for examination.

According to usually reliable sources it will be ten to 15 per cent bigger than last year's and show a five per cent deficit.

More revenue is expected to be derived from increased production and more effective tax collection. But more money will be spent paying increases to enlisted soldiers, on a reconstruction programme and giving better wages to village government employees. — Reuters

Thai Mission To Japan

Tokyo, Sept. 30.
A six-man Thai economic mission will arrive here, probably tomorrow afternoon, for an inspection of economic conditions in this country.
Colonel Sri Stryodhin, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs, is the leader of the mission.
The Ministry of International Trade and Industry said the Thai economic mission is making an extensive tour of the Far East and has no specific problems to talk over with the Japanese Government authorities. — Reuters.

Allocation Of Rice To Stand American Decision

Washington, Sept. 30.
American officials said today there was virtually no prospect that Japan would be able to buy American rice this year.

They said the 75,000 short tons allocated to the Japanese for the period from August through December, 1952, was all that could be made available for that country until the new allotments in January.

The Japanese have asked to be allowed to purchase 300,000 tons of United States rice during the year-end period. Thus the American allocation fell 225,000 tons short of meeting their desires.

Japanese here have protested to the Americans concerning the smallness of their allocation. However, American officials have explained that it is impossible to certificate more to that country at this time.

Rice is now on the "positive list" of exports, requiring a special permit for each shipment abroad. Only shipments to Canada are exempted.

United States officials said it was quite likely that an additional rice allocation for Japan would be made in January but added that they wanted to make no firm promises.

Korea as well as Japan had protested the smallness of their rice allocation during the current period. Officials pointed out that available American rice at this time, totalling 304,000 tons, had been allocated for shipment and any increase to one country would involve a decrease in proportion for an equally deserving nation.

For that reason it was decided not to change allocations already made.

Officials expected virtually all countries receiving American allocations would protest the size of their portions within the next six weeks but it appeared nothing could be done to accommodate them. — United Press.

EXPORTS BEGINNING TO FALTER

London, Sept. 30.
Engineering exports are beginning to falter, according to details of August trade figures issued by the Board of Trade. Exports of engineering products showed the biggest decrease between July and August. It is stated in the "Board of Trade Journal."

Although it is often misleading to emphasize one month's results, even if the export figures for July and August are taken together it is clear that at least one-half of the fall in exports from the second quarter of the year is accounted for by engineering products. In the first quarter an average of 2,117 millions worth of engineering products, made up of iron and steel, non-ferrous metals, electrical equipment, machinery, and vehicles, left their shores each month. By the second quarter, only 2,108 millions' worth was leaving. Last month the rate had dwindled to 2,008 millions.

In the late spring the Australian import cuts were blunting the drive to sell engineering goods abroad, particularly motor cars. Then in the summer months more and more cars were sent to more and more of the United States. In July almost 8,000 cars were shipped to North America. Last month there was a sharp fall to no more than 3,840. Shipments to Australia are still dwindling and have fallen from a peak of 9,318 in January to 922 in August. As a result, total car sales fell last month by 34 per cent.

Exchange Rates

Duplex was done in the local unofficial exchange market. The following rates were obtained: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 136.50; Hong Kong dollar (per 100) 136.50; Indian Rupee (per 100) 136.50; Singapore dollar (per 100) 136.50; S.W. franc (per 100) 136.50; F.C. franc (per 100) 136.50.

U.S. Exporters Feel Effects Of Import Cuts MARKETS SHRINKING

New York, Sept. 30.
American exporters find their world markets shrinking. This comes just when many U.S. manufacturers need to sell more abroad if their plants are to run full time.

Farm products are also affected. Agricultural exports are 33 per cent below a year ago. Both farmer and businessman are watching the meeting in London of trade and finance officials of eight British Commonwealth nations seeking to improve trade conditions in the Sterling Area. The American businessman and farmer could be the losers.

Because these nations, like many U.S. foreign good customers, have been raising barriers against American goods. Reversing their former free-spending habits, they started in recent months to try to live within their means. One of the first steps was to buy less from the U.S.

They say they would not be chronically short of dollars if America would lower tariffs and buy more from them.

Many American businessmen, however, say the chief reasons Europe cannot sell more here are price inflation and inefficient production methods.

Cars Now 'Luxury' In Indonesia

Djakarta, Sept. 30.
Motor-cars may soon become a luxury in Indonesia. They have been classified under the category of luxury goods which require anything up to 200 per cent import duty. The owners will also have to pay a stiff luxury tax.

New import regulations were imposed by the Indonesian Government one and a half months ago to cut the import of luxury goods and to encourage the flow of vital commodities for public consumption and for national construction purposes. The step was necessitated by the precarious position of the country's foreign exchange reserves.

Like smaller towns, Djakarta is overcrowded with motor vehicles. Not only among private citizens but also in Government offices the use of cars, station wagons, pick-ups, etc., has become a commonplace. In the case of Government offices, the constant use of motor vehicles has become an unwarranted luxury at the expense of the State Treasury.

Officials are provided free transportation to and from their offices.

Now, the Government has decided to slash the number of cars at the disposal of officials and Government employees. The new regulation, if enforced, will cut the State Budget by more than 200,000,000 rupiahs.

The authorities intend to go further. Taxes on cars will be increased. Extra luxury taxes will be levied on the ownership of cars.

Object is not only to discourage the import of expensive cars, which the nation's foreign exchange reserves cannot afford, but also to force Government officials to live economically. — France-Press.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Sept. 30.
Grains were mixed with a lower overture stemming mostly from the weakness of vegetable oils. Other leading commodities were generally lower. Wheat closed 1/4 higher to 1/2 lower and soybeans were 1/4 to 1/2 lower.

Wheat—price per bushel:
Spot 2.37
December 2.37 1/2
March 2.41 1/2-2.42
May 2.41 1/2-2.42

Corn
Spot 1.73-1.74 1/2
December 1.74 1/2
March 1.74 1/2-1.75 1/2
May 1.75 1/2

Rye
Spot 1.95
September 1.95 1/2
Oats
Spot 1.14-1.15
December 1.14-1.15
New York flour—per 100 lb Bask \$13.50—United Press.

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